

1-13. (CANCELED)

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ammunition projectile (10, 20), for a firearm, having diminished penetration into a soft medium, said projectile (10, 20) comprising a nose (11, 21) and a cap (12, 22), said nose (11, 21) being essentially conical in shape and comprising at least two indentations (14, 24), each respective indentation being disposed essentially symmetrically in relation to one of a respective longitudinal axis of said projectile and a respective longitudinal axial plane of said projectile coincident with a longitudinal axis of said projectile and bisecting the respective indentation, each indentation having a curved profile from a first edge to a second edge symmetrical with respect to one of the respective longitudinal axis of the projectile and the respective longitudinal axial plane so that said projectile, during trajectory of the projectile through air, is sufficiently slowed so as to diminish penetration of said projectile into a soft medium without significantly altering a trajectory precision of said projectile.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10, 20) according to claim 14, wherein a base of said indentations (14, 24) is round.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10, 20) according to claim 15, wherein the indentations are formed of two curvilinear planes whose intersection is defined by a radial ridge.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 14, wherein the nose (11) comprises a flat central portion (13).

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 17, wherein a diameter of said flat central portion (13) generally ranges from 10 to 50% of a diameter of the projectile (10) at a base of the nose (11).

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 14, wherein the nose and said cap further comprise a cavity (15).

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 19, wherein the cavity (15) is designed to receive a blocking means (16).

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10, 20) according to claim 14, wherein the projectile is entirely made of soft metal.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10, 20) according to claim 21, wherein the projectile is made of copper.

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 20, wherein the blocking means (16) is made of hard metal.

24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 23, wherein the blocking means (16) is made of steel.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 20, wherein the cavity (15) comprises a central zone (15b) that is at least partially threaded and said blocking means (16) is a bolt partially engaged in said central zone (15b).

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The projectile (10, 20) according to claim 14, wherein the projectile is formed of ~~a piece of~~ brass.

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ammunition projectile (10, 20), for a firearm, having diminished penetration into a soft medium, the projectile (10, 20) comprising a nose (11, 21) and a cap (12, 22), the nose (11, 21) being essentially conical in shape and comprising at least two indentations (14, 24), and each indentation being disposed symmetrically in relation to a longitudinal plane bisecting the projectile along respective indentation and coincident with a central longitudinal axis of the projectile, each indentation having a curved profile from a first edge to a second edge symmetrical to the longitudinal plane, and each indentation tapering toward the nose (11, 21) so that the projectile, during trajectory of the projectile through air, is sufficiently slowed so as to diminish penetration of the projectile into a soft medium without significantly altering a trajectory precision of the projectile.

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The projectile (10) according to claim 27, wherein [[the]] a leading central portion (13) of the nose (11, 21) is flat.

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 28, wherein a diameter of the leading central portion (13) of the nose (11, 21) generally ranges from 10 to 50% of a diameter of the projectile (10) at a base of the nose (11).

30. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 27, wherein the nose and said cap further comprise a cavity (15).

31. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 30, wherein the cavity (15) receives a blocking member (16).

32. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10, 20) according to claim 27, wherein the projectile is manufactured from copper.

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ammunition projectile (10, 20), for a firearm, having diminished penetration into a soft medium, the projectile (10, 20) comprising a nose (11, 21) and a cap (12, 22), the nose (11, 21) having a flat leading central portion (13) and being substantially conical in shape and comprising a plurality of indentations (14, 24), and each indentation being disposed symmetrically in relation to a longitudinal plane, bisecting the respective indentation into to substantially mirror image sections and coincident with a central longitudinal axis of the projectile, each respective indentation having a curved profile and tapering toward the nose (11, 21) with a leading edge of each indentation being spaced from the flat leading central portion (13) so that the projectile, during trajectory of the projectile through air, is sufficiently slowed so as to diminish penetration of the projectile into a soft medium without significantly altering a trajectory precision of the projectile.